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In re Application of:

LANGE et al.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Serial No.:

09/297.090

Examiner: S. Wang

Filed: July 9, 1999

For:

FOOD-INDUCED ANTISECRETORY PROTEINS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of April 13, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response to this Official Action has been extended to expire on June 13, 2001, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 10-25 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

26(New). A method for regulating the flux of fluid and electrolytes in the intestine of an animal so that 1 ml of blood of\said animal will contain at least 0.5 units of antisecretory proteins which comprises feeding the animal a sufficient quantity of a foodstuff prepared form cereals having entymatic activity.